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THE BROOKS FAMILY OF BENTON COUNTY

My earliest record is of Jeremiah Brooks, "Granpa Jere." The N.C. records show him as the father of David. We are sure he came to Tennessee, but returned to N.C., since he and his wife are buried in Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery, Person Co., N.C. My record of him came from the grave-stones and says he was born in Va., 1775, died Person Co., 1855; Married March 18, 1795, in Caswell Co., N. C., Elizabeth Thomas, born 1773, in Pa.; died Person Co., N. C., Feb. 6, 1871. Newton Brooks wrote me that these records seem to be reversed, since a Mr. Pleasant of Person County says we have the dates reversed and that Jeremiah, not his wife, lived to be 98. I am inclined to believe this is true, for my brother Paul remembers having been told of three uncles who lived to be very old--one 117, as I remember, and I think Jere was one of them.

Dad (Hiram Green) had a razor that was made in England by O. & W.L. Morton, that belonged to "Grandpa Jere." It was passed down to the oldest son, and he, Uncle Fate, gave it to Dad, who gave it to Paul. Children in Jere's will are: David (father of Hiram Comer) who is listed in "Brooks and Kindred Families."; Andrew, Green, Logan, Nancy, Jane Mastiel, Elizabeth, and Susan Neeley; one grand-daughter, Sarah Brooks.

We have been able to find records of eleven children of David Brooks. He was born in Caswell Co., N.C. in 1796, and was married 10-6-1816, to Elizabeth (Betsey) Terrell, Born 1800. He drove a wagon to Tennessee for a Mr. Heigie, a well-do-do man of those days and bought a farm in Flatwoods Church Community, which is near Ramble Creek Church in Benton County.

Both are buried in Flatwoods Cemetery. Following is a list of their children:

/ HIRAM COMER b. 12-8-1817, d. 4-17-1876 of pneumonia. In January, 1843 he married Sara Elizabeth Blalock, b. 5-26-1824, d. 9-1-1880 of Typhoid Fever. Both are buried in Ramble Creek Cemetery, in Benton County, Tennessee.

Soon after they married they left Brushy Creek near Raleigh, N.C. and came to Tennessee in an ox wagon, settling near Big Sandy. The house they lived in and in which Uncle Fate reared his family still stands and is in a wonderful state of preservation. Also the log smokehouse that he used is still standing and is usable.

There is a street in Raleigh, N. C. named "Brooks Street." I do not know who gets the credit for that.

W LUCY W. born 1820

W ANDREW born 1826. He married Arrener Wedding or Weeding and died in Van Buren, Arkansas, where he owned property. His daughter, Ella Cosgrove, willed his estate to the Methodist Church at Van Buren.

f JONATHAN, born 1827. He married Elizabeth Blanchard and they had one child, Sara Elizabeth. On day, as she lay sleeping, he stood by the bed and looked at her for a long time, laid a silk handkerchief over her face, and left, never to be heard of again. Sara Elizabeth married Johnny Beasley (I judge of Benton Co.) and they had three children, Minor, Sadie, and Donny.

5 ELANSON MOORE, born probably about 1829; we have no record. He married Martha Hansell and since the children were born in Benton County, I am sure they are buried there.

6 JOHN probably comes here, born 1831. We think he is the John Brooks who married Martha Polk and went to Weakley Co., Tenn. and became an ancestor of Mr. George Brooks, who was for many years an outstanding citizen of Martin, Tenn. I understand he left rather a complete record of his family,

and I have tried to get it, but received no reply to my request. Mrs.

Kellam has a copy.

2 NANCY M., born 1834. Married a Mr. Bradsher or Bradshaw.

2 ELIZABETH JANE, born 1837

2 EMILY F., born 1839. She and Lucy were old maids and lived together.

Emily finally married Mr. Billy Potts of Benton Co., Tenn. There were no children. I remember seeing her when I was a child--just barely remember an old lady dressed in black and being told "that is Aunt Emily Potts."

6 JEREMIAH, born 1841

11 BOB, born 1843. Both the name and the date are based on a letter dated 1952, from G. D. Brooks, South Boston, Va., to Roy Brooks, McMinnville, Tenn., which says; "My grandfather's name was Bob Brooks and Hiram Brooks was his brother. My father always spoke of him as "Uncle Hiram." I have heard my father say Uncle Hiram married and left for Tenn., and he never heard from him again. The names you mentioned as family names are definitely family names with us. It seems true that your grandfather Hiram and my grandfather were brothers." I have written more than once to South Boston, but have had no reply, so cannot be sure of his birth.

We thought it would give a clearer picture of the family if we listed the immediate family of David Brooks first and descendants later; so following are the records of David's sons, Hiram Comer and Elanson Moore and their descendants:

HIRAM COMER BROOKS married Sarah Elizabeth Blalock in January, 1843, and according to records "soon came to Tennessee." Cousins do not agree as to whether Uncle Al or Uncle Fate was a baby at the time, but if the 1843 date is correct, it would have to be Uncle Al. Grandmother never saw any of her people again except one brother who visited them. I am told that she was a very sad woman. Also, I am told that we get our brunette complexions from her; that the older Brookses were blonds. The children were:

- I. Albert, b. 10-25-1843. He slipped away from home to join the Confederate Arm and because of his age, was sent home to make peach brandy for the soldiers. He died 12-16-1865 and is buried at Ramble Creek Church, Benton County.
- II. Haywood Lafayette, b. 2-28-1845, d. 8-22-1921 of Typhoid Fever. He lived at the home place of Hiram Comer and Sara Elizabeth and after they died, Hiram Green and, I think Samuel Bedford and Bama, also, lived with them. He had great confidence in "Green's" ability as a doctor, and in his last illness, told the family to "Send for Green. If he can't do anything for me, nobody can." How it must have hurt Dad to think he could not help his own brother! He married 12-13-1866, Millie Jane Warmack, b. 2-2-1845. Both are buried in Ramble Creek Cemetery. The children are:

- A. William Hiram, b. 9-2-1867, at Big Sandy, Tenn., d. 1939, Houston, Texas, of paralysis. M. 1899 Alice Turner, Texas. He was an engineer for the M. K. & T. Railroad.
- a. Mary, b. 9-16-1895, Smithville, Texas. M. 1914, Bill Shadle.

Lives in Houston.

- B. Richard Albert, b. 2-2-1869, Big Sandy Tenn., d. 8-7-1941 of a heart attack. M. 2-3-1889 Martha Brewer, b. 12-13-1870, d. 10-13-1949 of cirrhosis of the liver. They lived on a farm in Benton Co., near his father. Both are buried at Ramble Creek.
- a. Eunice Raymond, b. 8-6-1891 at Big Sandy, d. 1956 of a heart attack. Married Daisy Stockdale from Big Sandy, d. 1957. Both are buried at Ramble Creek. Eunice went to Texas in 1912 and was employed by the M. K. & T. railroad, becoming engineer. He lived in San Antonio.
- b. Lillian Jane, bo. 4-18-1893, d. 11-73, was in a rest home several months. She lived near Big Sandy with Tommy and Gay for several years.
- c. Richard Thomas, b. 9-21-1905, d. 12-9-66 of a heart attack. M. Gay Herndon, b. 9-13-1906 His occupation was law enforcement, and he served a number of years as Highway Patrolman, as Police Chief at Camp Tyson during World War II and later as police Chief of Camden. Gay operated a beauty shop in Camden, where they lived. She has now retired.
- (a) Elwanda, daughter of Tommy by another marriage. b. 9-20-1924 at Big Sandy. M. 7-14-1945, James Fred Christopher divorced in 1970.
- C. Robert E. Lee, b. 2-14-1871, d. 2-12-1945 of cerebral hemorrhage. M. 11-25-1895 Mattie Ann Sanders, b. 3-16-1874. He was a railroad engineer at Sherman, Texas.
- a. Verna Lee, b. 9-18-1898, m. 9-17-1917, Harrison Stockdale of Big Sandy. She teaches school and lives at 205 N. Burdette Sherman, Texas.

(a) M. H., b. 9-30-1918. Shipping clerk, Sherman.

(b) Raymond Lee, B. 5-17-1922, M. 12-26-1943, Darnell

Dodson, Receiving Clerk. Lives Route 1, Sherman, Texas.

1. Michael Lee, B. 5-12-1950.

b. Fred A. B. 2-1-1901, M. 11-2-1929, Myrtle M. Gee. He is a banker and lives at 1730 Pecan Street, Sherman, Texas.

1. Fred A., Jr., B. 6-20-1931

c. Nora L. B. 1-10-1904, M. 3-14-1924, W. Gus Richardson, farmer. Address, Route 1, Sherman, Texas.

d/ Stella M. b. 6-17-1904, M. 7-20-1924, H. L. Roberts, farmer. Route 1, Sherman, Texas.

e. Robert L. b. 11-6-1909, M. 5-15-34, Gladys Sledge. He is a city clerk and they live at 1014 Maxey, Sherman, Texas.

f. Ralph E. B. 11-20-1911, M. 7-19-1933 Katherine Hauser. He is a warehouseman they live at 1006 E. Thomas, Sherman, Tex.

D. Horace Lafayette, b. 11-19-1872, d. 1-8-35, M. 1-10-1902 Lavada Temkins from Paris, Tenn., b. 1-15-1874, d. 5-15-1945. He, too, worked for the railroad.

a. Herman Lafayette, b. 12-8-1902 in Smithville, Texas, M. 9-17-21 Josephine Kosub. He is manager of Sinclair Oil Co., Houston.

(a) Stanley Wilburn, B. 8-8-1924, M. 10-18-1946 Nova Jo Martin.

1. Pamela Jo, b. 3-15-1945

2. Jerry Leroy, b. 8-8-1951

(b) Harvey Lafayette, b. 10-20-1925, M. Kathryn Pearl Caveness

1. Sandra Kaye, b. 1-5-1948

(c) Clarence Erwin, B. 10-29-1928

E. Thomas Jackson Brooks, b. 7-17-1875, Benton Co., Tennessee, Went to Texas and became an engineer with the M. K. & T. Railroad. M. 11-7-1901 Cirda Ann Swafford, in Dallas, Texas.

- a. Thomas Jesse, b. 3-2-1903 , m. 1-24-24 Madeline Adele Rabel,
b. 1-30-1906. They live in Waco, Texas, 1623 Live Oak.
- b/ Dorothy Genadele, b. 3-9-1925, m. 2-27-1944 Charles Edward Belt.
 - 1. Tresa Diane Belt, b. 5-24-1945, Waco, Texas.
 - 2. Charles Delaney Belt, b. 7-17-47, Waco, Texas.
- c. Mabel Valadean, b. 825-1905, Smithville, Texas. m. first,
7-6-1923, Roy Johns; second marriage to Louis Henry Clampit,
4809 Bryce Ave., Ft. Worth.
- d. Nora Foncel, b. 9-8-1907, Smithville. m. 1-26-1930, A. W. Tyler,
Address, 2722 Marrow Avenue, Waco, Texas.
- e. Mary Evelyn, b. 8-13-1910, Smithville, m. 8-18-1930 Raymond
Henry Linam. Address, Rt. 8, Box 352, Waco, Texas.
 - (a) Ronald Hampton, b. 11-17-1935
 - (b) Dennis Brooks, 7-12-1941
 - (c) Infant, b. 12-8-1938 d. 12-8-1938
- f. Wanda Mae, b. 12-21-1915, d. 10-8-1919, Waco, Texas
- g. Richard Haston, b. 2-16-1920 Waco, Texas. M. 12-20-1941,
Dulcie Maria Muirhead. Lives at 107 Havenkamp, Ft. Worth.
 - (a) Richard Stanley, b. 4-14-1943, at Pasadena, California.
 - (b) Beverly, b. 10-16-1946 at Ft. Worth
- F. James Haston, B. Benton Co, 19-18-1877- m. Delia Pierce, 12-12-1900.
Was with a railroad until he was involved in an accident which
disabled him for a time. After that he went into business in
Little Rock, Ark. He died 12-10-1938 of paralysis.
 - a. Paul H., b. 1-30-1902 at Big Sandy. m. 6-30-35, Jessie Maye
Swartz, who died, They had one child.
 - (a) James Paul, b. 7-17-1936, in North Little Rock, Ark.
He was married a second time on 9-10-1939 to Annie Maye.
 - (a) Pauline, b. 6-10-1940

(b) Dixie, b. 5-31-1941

(c) Hattie B. b. 10-31-1942

G. Rachel Minnie Bell, b. 8-18-1879, d. 1903. m. 1900, W. T. Cuff
at Big Sandy.

a. Madeline, b. 1901, d. 1901

H. Sarah Florence, b. Benton Co., Tenn. 10-26-1881. d. 8-26-1908.
m. George Brown 12-25-1955, b. 9-5-1877, d. 8-4-1934 in a car
wreck at Camden, Tenn.

a. Richard, b. 10-25-1906 at Little Rock, Ark. m. 9-19-26 Ruby
Lucille Redmon. He owns property in Benton Co. and the last we
knew of him he was a policeman at Chevrolet Motor Co., Highland
Park, Michigan.

I. Mary Emeline, b. 2-23-1884, Big Sandy. With a younger sister,
operated the farm and lived in the house where Hiram Comer and
Sarah Elizabeth reared their family. She died of a heart attack
in 1958 and is buried at Ramble Creek.

J. Haywood Comer (or is it Hiram? I have both in my records.) b.
2-7-1886 Benton Co., He was an engineer with the Rock Island
Railroad and was killed in a train wreck at Little Rock 7-6-1924.
In 1909 he married Mary Elizabeth Dinwiddie born 1889 at Henry
Station, Tenn.

a. Mable H. b. 1910. m. 5-7-1930 Willie J. Mercer.

(a) Billie S. b. 5-21-1931, Little Rock

(b) Madeline Lafern, b. 8-7-1933, Little Rock

(c) Emily Janet, b. 8-3-1935, Little Rock

b. Madeline Haston, b. 5-11-12, Little Rock, m. John Davis.

(a) Bettie Jane, b. Little Rock, lives in Houston

(b) Carol May, b. Kansas City, Mo. lives in Houston

K. Walter Bragg, b. 5-22-1888, Benton Co., d. 2-1-1922. m. 12-25-1911, Ollie B. French, b. October 1887, d. August 1913. He left Benton County in 1908 and located in San Antonio, Texas, where he became an engineer with the M. K. & T. Railroad.

a. Eula Bama, b. 3-1-1913, Smithville, Texas, d. 7-20-1913 at Big Sandy.

Walter married a second time, Hattie Tremble, in 1916.

a. Mary Esther, b. 1921 in San Antonio

L. Eula Annie, b. 9-7-1890 in Benton County, d. . Until Mary's death in 1958 they lived at the home place in Benton Co., in the house bought by Hiram Comer and Sara Elizabeth. After Mary's death she moved to Camden, next door to Tommy and Gay.

III. Robert (Bob) b. 1-23-1847. He got in an altercation with an Indian and disappeared. No one ever knew what became of him, but supposed he was killed by Indians.

IV. William David Brooks, b. 4-24-1848, d. 9-13-1928. m. Katherine Childress of Gardner, Tenn. Both are buried at Gardner. After Aunt Katherine's death, Mr. Jim Childress of Gardner, took the children and Uncle Dave worked at a tobacco barn at Marting for a long time. He spent considerable time with his brother Green and his family and died there. He came into the house late one afternoon and fell across the bed. When Dad went to see about him, he said "Hear that" (his breathing? "Death rattles." And he died after a few hours.

A. Charles Bedford, b. 3-10-1880 near Big Sandy, d. in a nursing home in Little Rock, Ark. in 1958. m. 12-29-1902 Auvergne Patterson b. 11-18-1881 near Sidonia, Tenn., d. 12-24-1935 at Sharon, Tennessee. He was a successful merchant at Sharon, Tenn.

- a. Melvin Leon, b. 2-3-1904 in Chammae, Old Mexico. Attended school in Sharon and Morgans Business College at Martin, did clerical work for a while with the I.C.R.R. at Fulton, Ky. worked for his father at the U-Totem Store at Sharon, later buying one at Greenfield, which he operated until his death by drowning in 1958 on a fishing trip to Kentucky Lake. He was chairman of the school board, secretary of the Methodist Church, a Rotarian and held other positions of trust and honor. He was married to Mary Fay Estes on July 23, 1927, who was born 7-24-1906 she teaches school in Greenfield.
- (a) Betty, b. 4-14-1931. Attended Lambuth College and University of Tennessee, Martin Branch. Teaches in Greenfield. Betty was married to Billy Gene Collins, 1949.
- (1) Salley Jean b. 1955
- (2) _____
- (b) Frances, b. 12-4-1937. Educated at Lambuth College. she is a talented Pianist.
- b. Dan Childress, b. 10-14-1905, Sharon, Tenn. Attended University of Texas, at Austin. Gained business experience in St. Louis and Chicago, later beginning a grocery store career in his father's U-Tote-Em Store at Sharon. In 1934 he went into business for himself and now is owner of the Frozen Food Locker and Curing Plant at Rutherford. He is a steward at the Methodist Church, a charter member of the Lions Club, and has been a member of the school board since 1938. He married on Christmas Day, 1934, Johnie Mabel Alle, b. 2-19-1916, in Gleason, Tenn. She taught a children's Sunday School Class for many years, and held other positions in the church, as

well as serving as president of the local P.T.A. She is a devoted mother, one of her hobbies being her family; the other is playing the piano.

(a) Verne Allen, b. Rutherford, 10-24-1935. Educated in Rutherford schools. He is announcer for the radio station at Union City, Tenn. Married October 1956 to Shelby Hester. They were later divorced. They have one child.

1. Mark Allen, b. 3-19-58

(b) John Childress, born Rutherford, 9-3-1939. Graduate of University of Tennessee.

(c) Jane, b. Rutherford, 9-29-1943. She is a talented musician

c. Charles Bedford, Jr., b. Sharon, Tenn. 3-31-1909; a 32nd degree Mason, and has progressed far in Shrine circles. He lives in Little Rock, Ark. where he is in business. He was married 2-31-1935 to Mary Elizabeth Cox, b. 9-26-1910 at Knoxville. They have no children.

d. Infant daughter, twin to Charles.. Lived=for a few hours. Un-named.

e. Vernon Reed, b. 3-27-1913, Sharon, Tennessee. Educated University of Chicago. For several years was Superintendent of Announcers at WGN, Chicago. Served in United States Navy during World War II and, among other experiences, his Destroyer Escort transferred Ernie Pyle to Guam only a few days before his death. After the war he served as Director of Operations of WGN-TV for a few years. Our last news of him was that he conducts tours through Europe or Olson Tours, of Chicago. He lives in Europe during the winter vacation. He plays the piano, is a world traveler and is unmarried.

- B. Lula Anne, b. Benton Co., Tenn. 8-25-1884, d. 1953 at Union City, her home. M. Tom Daniels, b. 1-15-1872 in Lake Co., Tenn. d. ____.
- a. Vera Belle, b. 10-2-1900, d. 1918
 - b. Raymond E., b. 12-2-1901, m. Lurleen Pate, Union City.
 - (a) Martha, m. Buddy Hughs of Hickman, Ky.
 - (b) Robert , m. Nancy _____ of Union City. Lives in Miss.
 - 1. Susan, b. 1951
 - (c) Jean Alice, m. Billy Lee Gardner, of Terrell, Tenn.
 - 1. Danny Lee, b. June 1951
 - c. Mamie May, b. 5-14-1907. m. Fred Osburn, Union City.
 - (a) Marshall, m. Jackie Pruitt of Union City.
 - 1. James, born 1950
 - (b) Thomas, m. Vernel _____ of Oakland, Ky.
 - 1. Patricia Ann, b. 1949
 - 2. Sherry, b. 1950
 - 3. Peggy Sue, b. 7-20-1958
 - (c) Billy Gene, m. Betty Macheres
 - 1. Larry b. _____
 - (d) Bonnie Sue, b. 1935
 - d. Royce Newton, b. 3-8-09, m. Lonnie Willis. Played professional baseball, as pitcher.
 - (a) Mary Frances, m. _____ Palmer, Union City
 - (b) Betty, m. Howard Rice, Union City
 - (c) Newt, m. Christine Russell, Union City.
 - e. Thomas Harmon (Pete) m. Gladys Brantley, Union City
 - (a) Carolyn, b. 1938
 - (b) James, b. 1941
 - f. Carmel (Dan) 8-22-1913, d. Dec. 1946 m. Georgia Owens, Lake Co.
 - (a) Carl Edward, b. 7-14-1944

- g. Alvis, b. 10-7-1917, m. Thelma Tidwell, Union City. City employee
 - (a) Alvis, Jr., b. 1934
 - (b) Dorothy, b. 1941
- h. Alvin, 107-1941, Twin to Alvis, m. Pera Newman, Works with Chevrolet, Detroit.
 - (a) Thomas Alvin, b. 1944
 - (b) James, b. 1948
- i. Willey, b. 2-23-1924, m. Evelyn Braggs, Moscow, Ky.
 - (a) Lynn, b. 1944
 - (b) John, b. 1948
 - (c) Mary Gene, b. 1950
- J. Parnell, 4-6-1926, m. Addie Mansfield, Blytheville, Ark. Divorced. M. second, Louise Brasfield, Marshfield, Mo., where he makes his home and works as a grocery clerk.
 - (a) Nedra, b. 1947
 - (b) Billy, b. 1949
 - (c) _____ b. 1950
- k. Charles Edward, b. 3-22-1929, m. May Hedgepath, Moscow, Ky.
 - (a) Doris, b. 1943
 - (b) Linda, b. 1948
- C. Hiram Newton, b. Big Sandy, 3-8-1186. Worked as mail clerk with L & N R R for 30 year or more. Now retired and lives on his farm at Adams, Tenn. m. 5-4-1915 Mildred Martha Knox of Rossville, Tennessee b. 8-21-1894
 - a. Mildred Martha b. 2-21-1916, d. Nashville, 2-16-1924
 - b. Newton James, b. 10-16-1917, Nashville, m. 8-30-1947 Jean Smith Mayes, b. 8-30-1922. Graduate Vanderbilt University.

- (a) Newton James, Jr. b. 7-2-1948
- (b) Harriet Johnstone, b. 11-1-1949
- (c) Martha Jane b. 3-6-1951
- (d)
- (e)
- (f)
- (g)
- (h)
- c. Edward Wright, b. 9-8-1919, Nashville, m. Lee _____ in
Rhode Island.
- d. Florence Catherine, b. 12-5-1920. Graduate of Peabody College.
m. 7-27-1950, Archibald Hinton Hardee, of Fernandina, Fla.
 - (a) Edward Hinton, b. 9-1-1951, Jacksonville, Fla.
 - (b) David, b. 1955
- e. Thomas David, b. 9-27-1923, Nashville. Unmarried. Lives with
parents.

Zaccheus, we find no record, but from memory of relatives, he was
born around 1890 and died in 1916 at Camden. He is buried in
the cemetery at Camden, I understand.

- V. Emmaline, b. 1850, d. 8-25-1933, m. James Bullock, d. 7-23-1929
 - A. Elizabeth (Lizzie) b. Benton Co., 12-2-1875, d. 8-15-1932 in
Henry Co., m. 12-27-1896 Nathaniel Rushing, d. 3-4-1932.
 - a. Lucas, b. 10-7-1897, m. Mary Sue Comer, b. 12-17-1896
 - (a) Helen 9-3-1916, d. 2-3-1917
 - (b) Lucas Athel, b. 3-17-1918, m. 8-27-1937 Zelma Crocker
 - (1) Judith Ann, b. 3-21-1941
 - b. James Crawford, b. 11-2-1902, m. 9-14-1924 Ruth Hudson, b. 5-29-07.
Prosperous Benton Co. farmer.

- (a) James Hudson, b. 11-16-1930, m. 11-11-1950 to
Hilda Naomi Lowery.
 - c. Marvie, b. 8-30-1900, d. 9-10-1900
 - d. Walter Ewing, b. 1-16-1904, m. 11-29-1929 Mae Raines, b. 6-5-1903.
 - (a) Billie Ewing, b. 8-3-1930
 - (b) Betty Ann, b. 6-22-1935
 - (c) Bobbie Joe, b. 3-27-1939
 - (d) Bennie, b. 10-21-1940
 - e. Bama, b. 2-11-1906, m. 4-1-1950, Ed Cunningham, Henry County.
They lived and farmed near Paris until his death in 1953. She
later married Kelly Patterson. She died early 1972
 - f. Nathaniel, Jr., b. 5-15-1911, m. 6-21-1934 Maurine Lyles,
b. Benton, Ky. 5-7-1909. Lives in Hopkinsville, Ky.
 - 1. Eleanor Sue, b. April 16, 1950
- VI. Alfred Rainey (Buck) b. 1-21-1854, d. 2-18-1942, m. first Della Travis
6-6-1881. m. second Mollie Wilson, d. 1932. He was at one time County
Clerk of Benton County and owned land near Camden which he later
farmed. He lost his eyesight a few years before his death, but not
his zest for living.
- A. Travis Hiram, b. 3-22-1882, d. 6-17-1947, m. 6-9-1907 Pearl Piper.
 - a. Roy Donald, b. 9-21-1921, m. 11-10-1944 Allene Damron.
 - (a) Roy Donald, Jr. 11-14-1949
 - b. Nelda Viola, b. 9-4-1927
 - B. Pauline, b. 12-16-1883, d. 5-18-1939 m. 11-5-1905 Leslie M. Stone.
 - (a) Joseph Alfred, b. 9-24-1906, m. Annie Gertrude Wagoner, 2-7-1929.
 - 1. David Alfred, b. 3-17-1932
 - (b) Alton Brooks, b. 3-8-1911 d. 6-5-1943, m. 11-14-1939 Zula Mae Kee.

- (a) Sara Pauline, b. 9-7-1940. She graduated from Camden High School with honors and more scholarships than she could use in one year. Graduated from Union University with honors, married Polk Glover, of Union City, and teaches English at University of Tennessee, Martin Branch.
- c. Mary Dell, b. 7-26-1914, m. 2-18-1943 Jack Stanley Hall.
 - (a) Michael Stanley b. 10-7-1944
- d. Robert, b. 2-25-1917, m. 4-3-1943 Helen Lucille Robinson, Boytown, Texas.
 - (a) Juanita Camille, b. 5-8-1944
 - (b) Robert Reginald, 7-11-1950
- e. Wanda Christine, 6-19-1920, d. 1966. Married F.W.B. Taylor, Jr.
 - (a) Elizabeth Brooks, b. 8-7-1954
 - (b) F.W.B.III, b. 9-24-1955
 - (c) Richard STone, b. 6-7-1958
- C. Roy, b. 1-18-1887, d. _____ m. 6-5-1912 Naomi Harris, of White Bluff, Tennessee. He was railway express clerk for many years and lived at McMinnville, Tenn. where Naomi still lives.
 - (a) Katherine Ruth, 10-1-1914, m. 6-27-1936 James Anderson Smith. They live at McMinnville where he is in business and Katherine teaches in the High School.
 - (a) Jimmy Brooks, b. 4-21-1941
 - (b) John Harris, b. 7-14-1948
- D. Maud, b. 12-14-1889, Camden, d. 1957, m. Joe Penick, d. 1960 or 61.
 - a. Mary Gladys, b. 3-11-1911, m. T. B. Bivens
 - (a) James Viron, b. 11-28-1927, m. 2-22-1948 Margaret Hawkins. Gladys married a second time, Wyatt Atkins, they live in Memphis.

VII. Martha Frances, b. 2-16-1856, d. 1-1-1927, m. Polk Cowell and lived near Camden.

A. Ida Mai, b. 8-1-1879, d. _____

B. Mattie Pearl, b. 7-23-1882, d. _____

C. James Luther, b. 6-21-1886, d. _____ m. several children.

D. Clarence Green, b. 12-9-1889, d. _____.

VIII. Hiram Green, b. 7-27-1858, d. 7-20-1934, m. 6-13-1894 Allie Elina Bowles of Henry Co., b. 10-19-1871, d. 8-2-1947. Both are buried in Maple wood Cemetery, Paris. He graduated from the medical department of the University of Tennessee in Nashville and was a most successful physician and surgeon in Henry Co. living in the village of Elkhorn. He was a member of the county, state, and national medical associations, A Mason, a staunch Baptist, and a public-minded citizen. He had considerable land holdings and held various positions of trust and honor.

A. Paul F., b. 5-18-1895, d. 8-5-1969, m. 12-20-1922 Oina Robins, of Big Sandy. He was named for Dr. Paul F. Eve, one of his dad's favorite teachers at U.T. For many years he lived in Oakland, California and worked as a superintendent in the shipping department of General Motors. After he retired he and Oina moved to 29 Palms, California. Paul spent his summers with his brother in Tennessee, after his retirement. He is buried in Hillcrest Cemetery, with his brother, Cecil, Paris, Tennessee.

a. Hugh Bryce b. 12-17-1923, Paris, Tennessee. He first married Charlotte Buffum of Oakland, they were the parents of three children. Bryce later married Lorraine Martin. He is now employed by the Federal Board of Education to work with the schools in suppressing the use of drugs. His Awareness Houses

are scattered over a wide area of the states.

(a) Marjorie Oina, b. 1-1-1942, Albany, California. Her first marriage ended in divorce, she is now married a second time.

1. Constantine Oina, 10-20-69

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(b) Hugh Bryce II, b. 10-16-1943, m. Ida ____.

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2. Tina Maria Brooks, b. 10-27-1969

(c) Paul Andrew, b. 10-4-1951, Berkeley, California

B. Elizabeth Bond, b. 8-18-1897, m. 2-2-1922 John Lawson Sanford, of Jackson, Tennessee, where they make their home. She graduated from Union University and taught school for many years, after the children were old enough for her to work. Both are now retired and she has done substitute teaching.

a. Georgia Elina, b. 7-2-1927. She has worked for the Welfare Department in Jackson for more than 20 years.

b. Joe Hiram, b. 10-17-1930, m. April 1954 Inez Karnes b. 5-22- of Fountain City, Tennessee. Graduated from University of Tennessee with a major in Animal Husbandry. For several years was manager of the Blount County Farm (University of Tenn.). He now lives in Jefferson City, Tennessee where he is manager of the East Tennessee Production Credit Association for three counties.

(a) Joel Ray, b. 1-15-1958

(b) Paul Eugene, b. 4-8-1961

(c) Frances Annette, b. 10-10-1966

- c. James Donald, b. 12-26-1935. Graduate of Jackson High School. He has worked in drug stores since he was 15. He held a responsible position with Chester Street Pharmacy, Jackson, Tennessee. He is now a travelling salesman for Norwich Pharmacal Company. He lives in Memphis, Tennessee.
 - (a) Donald Keith, b. 11-12-1962
 - (b) John David, b. 9-14-1964
 - (c) Karen Elizabeth, b. 11-24-1968
- d. Julian Ronald (Jule), b. 12-26-1935, twin to Jamie, m. 1955 Nancy Ann Melton. Graduated from Jackson High School and Nashville Auto Diesel School. For several years was connected with optical business and for considerable time was with the optical department of Perel & Lowenstein, Memphis, He is now an antique dealer in Memphis, where he now lives.
 - (a) Julie Ann, b. 1-20-1958
- C. Thomas Brooks, b. 10-31-1900, d. 11-2-1900. Buried in Williams Cemetery, Henry Co., which is now on the banks of Kentucky Lake.
- D. Hiram Cecil Brooks, b. Henry Co., (Elkhorn) 3-5-1904, d. 1-22-1967 m. 1-20-1926 Hester Allene Kilpartick, Herrin, Illinois, b. 7-16-1907. They lived on a farm for a number of years, then moved to Paris where he operated Brooks Drygoods until he sold it, later was employed by one of the shoe stores in Paris, Tennessee.
 - a. Helen Lavonne, b. Henry Co., 9-20-1926, m. 12-29-1945 William Dorse Todd, b. 10-17-1924. Dorse, who prefers to be called "Bill" served in the Marine Corps during World War II. He received his B.S. Degree from Bethel College, McKenzie, M.A. & M.Ed. degrees from Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee,

and his Ed.D. from University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Helen received her B.S. Degree from The School of the Ozarks. Bill has taught school in Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, Louisiana, and Missouri. They have been at Point Lookout, Missouri since July 1959 when Bill accepted a position with the School of the Ozarks as Academic Dean. He is now Vice President and Dean of Administration for the College.

(a) Martha Willene, b. Paris, Tennessee 5-19-1949. Received her B.S. Degree from the School of the Ozarks.

(b) Marsha Anita, b. 12-14-1951 in Ashland City, Tennessee. m. 5-31-1970 Steven Dale Fulkerson, they both received their B. S. degrees from The School of the Ozarks. Steve taught school for three years. Marsha is now teaching the sixth grade at Taneyville, Mo.

1. Douglas Bryan b. 5-4-1972

b. Cecile Louane, b. Henry Co., Tenn. 8-31-1930 m. 8-15-1948

Everett H. Smith, Jr., b. 5-25-1929, Paris, Tennessee. They now live in Tupelo, Mississippi where he is manager of a bakery and she is working in the office.

(a) Steven Brooks, b. 4-11-1949, m. Christine Prey, of Manhattan, Kansas 8-26-1970. Both Steve and Chris received their degrees from Kansas State, at Manhattan. She has taught school. He works for a bakery company. They are living in Conn.

(b) Michael Cecil, b. 1-22-1953. He took police training in Atlanta, Georgia and is now a Policeman and lives in Atlanta.

(c) Penelope Eve, b. 7-9-1960

c. Elizabeth Allene, b. Henry Co., b. 8-31-1932, m. 8-22-53
Joel Wayne Hamlin. They are both employed at the Air
Base in Blytheville, Arkansas where they have been living
for several years.

(a) Patrick Wayne, b. 3-24-1954

(b) Pamela Lorene, b. 10-4-1955

(c) Paula Jo, b. 11-3-1960

(d) Priscilla Brooke, b. 10-17-1964

IX. Sarah Elizabeth, b. 9-21-1860 Benton Co., Tenn. d. ____ at Memphis.

m. Richard N. Brewer, b. 8-18-1857, Benton Co. They lived on a
farm near Ramble Creek, Benton Co., but both spent their last days
with their daughter Eva in Memphis. Both are buried at Ramble Creek.

a. Eva Ethel, b. 11-14-1881, d. 8- -63 of a heart attack that occurred
while she was at church. She married Robert Garner of Benton Co.
Bothe are buried at Ramble Creek.

(a) Clara, b. 6-15-1901, Benton Co.

(b) Thelma, b. 10-9-1902, Benton Co.

(c) Roy, b. 7-21-1904, m. Nancy _____. d. 1961

(d) Hermon, b. 5-23-1906, died in a few years of diptheria

b. Claude Romer, b. 12-27-1888, m. Jessie ____ they live in Benton Co.

(a) Elizabeth, b. 2-23-1918

(b) James Richard, b. 6-10-1925

X. Samuel Bedford, b. 11-7-1864, d. 9-17-1892. He graduated from the
medical department of the University of Tennessee at Nashville and
practiced with his brother Green at Elkhorn. They rode horseback
and on one of his calls it ~~was~~ and he took pneumonia from the
exposure and died. He was unmarried, but had been engaged to be

to be married to a Miss Grainger, a sister of Dr. R. A. Grainger, of Paris. She had made her wedding dress when she became ill and died. She was buried in the wedding dress. He died about two years later.

XI. An un-named baby which is buried at Ramble Creek, and I do not know when it was born.

XII. Alabama Tennessee (Bama) b. 2-20-1868. She died 7-12-1889, only 21 years of age. I don't think Dad ever got over her death.

(Note) You may have noticed that beginning with Uncle Dave, there was a boy then a girl, then another boy and another girl. They had their favorites in that order--Uncle Dave and Aunt Emmaline, Uncle Buck and Aunt Mat, and so on.

This is the record of Elanson Moore Brooks' family (Uncle Lanson), a brother of Hiram Comer, both sons of David and Betsy Terrell Brooks. ELANSON MOORE BROOKS, b. probably about 1829, m. Martha Hansell, and lived in Benton Co.

I. Mary Jane, b. Benton Co., Tenn. 11-29-1850, d. 5-27-1904, m. 8-26-1868 John C. McKelvy.

A. William H., b. Benton Co., 9-15-1870, d. 4-4-1943. m. 12-25-1894 Rettie Latimere, b. Benton Co., d. 10-3-1918.

a. Vetrise, b. Benton Co., 8-1-1897, m. Basil Pettigrew

(a) Opal

(b) Ferrell Lee

b. Ivy, b. 6-26-1903, d. 7-15-1933. m. Eldona Watson

(a) Reubin

(b) William

(c) Aubry, m. June Boyd. They have two girls

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c. William Weldon, b. Benton Co., 4-11-1908, m. Clella Mae Baker

d. Edwin Ray, b. 8-22-1910, d. 6-1934

B. Martha Frances, B. Benton Co. 10-3-1871, d. 8-13-1888

C. Cora Elizabeth, b. 6-1-1875, d. 1-31-1932

D. Mary Alice, b. 5-27-1880, m. Luther Bain, 9-18-1910

a. Augustine, 10-21-1911, m. 8-3-1935, Leo Luther Wilhelm.

(a) Luther Ray, B. 1-25-1939

(b) Patricia Ann, b. 3-27-1941

(c) Albert Earl, b. 8-11-1944

- II. Elizabeth H. Born 12-24-1848. Died young.
- III. James David, born Benton Co., 3-31-1853, d. 7-17-1943. m. 1-25-1874
 Jemima A. Presson, b. 4-24-1853, d. 4-4-1939
 - A. Evada C. Born Benton Co. 11-18-1874
 - B. Mary Lola, b. 11-18-1878
 - C. Dora E., b. 9-4-1881, m. 11-30-1911, Elbert C. McIver, b. 1-8-1880
 - a. Mary Ann, b. 8-31-1913, m. 6-1944 Floyd Cole
 - D. Ira Greene born Benton Co. d. 1964, m. 1014-1808 Emillie Myrtle McIver b. 2-10-1891.
 - a. James Thomas, b. 11-15-1909
 - b. Edna, b. 1-5-1915, m. 12-28-1946 Basil Davidson.
 - (a) Brooks Nathaniel, b. Benton Co., 1-22-1947
 - (b) Thomas Hudson, b. 9-2-1949
 - E. Allie May, b. 5-2-1888, d. 5-4-1920., m. 10-28-1917, Luther Rushing
- IV. Emeline, b. Camden, Tenn. 12-30-1855, m. 1878 O. E. Whitfield,
 - b. Camden, d. 10-21-1932
 - A. Sallie Ann, b. Benton Co., 12-29-1879, m. L. T. Francisco
 - a. Ernest H. married Henie Flake
 - b. Charles E. born Camden, married Charlie Campbell, Huntingdon
 Charles Campbell
 - (b) Carol
 - c. Estelle, born Benton Co.
 - B. Ida C. born Camden, 4-20-1882, d. 1-11-1929, m. 1907 Joe J. Weatherly
 - a. Leah L.
 - b. Archie
 - c. Jo Hilna

- C. Una Myrtle, b. Camden, 9-9-1886
- D. Ona F. born Camden 12-9-1890, m. 1917 F. U. Florence
 - a. Roy H. born Camden, m. 1934 Iva Lowry
- V. William H. b. 5-31-1858. Died young.